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Introduction

In 2002, many milestones were reached in the fight to protect Missouri's air quality. The St. Louis ozone nonattainment area met the one-hour ozone standard for the first time since monitoring began. Air monitors in Herculaneum measured airborne lead levels below the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead for third and fourth quarters. The new Missouri Emissions Inventory System went online allowing companies to submit their 2002 Emissions Inventory Questionnaires over the Web.

This annual report sheds light on the cooperative efforts of stakeholders and the Air Pollution Control Program to protect the air Missouri residents breathe. By working with industry, residents and other government agencies, the air quality in Missouri continues to improve and meet new milestones.

This report is one method in which the Air Pollution Control Program distributes information to Missouri residents, industry and other interested parties. It contains information about the health impact of air pollutants, describes the major types of air pollutants, the actions taken to control air quality and the major milestones in Missouri air quality in the past year.

More information on the **bold** faced terms throughout the report can also be found in the Glossary at the end of the report. After reading this report, if you have questions, please call the Air Pollution Control Program at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 751-4817.

Missouri's air quality has improved, and with everyone's cooperation, the Air Pollution Control Program will continue to improve the air Missouri residents breathe.

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for more information on:

- Vehicle emissions testing;
- Regulations for businesses and industry;
- Missouri Emissions Inventory System;
- Current air quality in St. Louis and Kansas City;
- Operating Permits on Public Notice.